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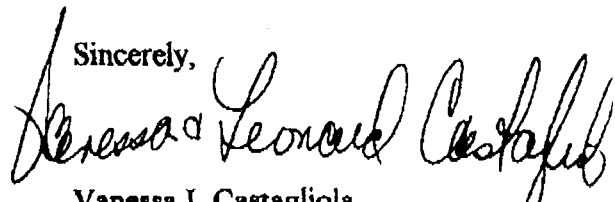
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I have taken this opportunity to write and express my opinion of the settlement that has been reached in the Microsoft antitrust case. I believe that we need to concentrate on issues of greater importance. I am pleased that a settlement has finally been reached in this case and that Microsoft will be able to continue doing business as a whole entity.

It is apparent to me that the people pursuing this litigation are not looking for a good judgment in this case but rather the perpetuation of their own personal agendas. When government becomes involved in business, socialism becomes the rule of the day. I feel that this case has been fueled by jealousy and that until we reach a conclusion to this litigation free enterprise is stymied. The terms of the settlement are fair: Microsoft has agreed to design all future versions of Windows to be compatible with the products of its competitors, and they will also cease any behavior that may be considered retaliatory.

Please support this settlement. I trust that you will do all that is within your power to protect American businesses.

Sincerely,

  
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